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Hargett continues in State's top military position

NASHVILLE – Maj. Gen. Gus L. Hargett, Jr., native of Ripley and a 45-year veteran of the military, was reappointed Adjutant General of Tennessee in ceremonies at the state capitol, Saturday, Jan. 20.

Gen. Hargett was first named to that post in 2002 and was reappointed by Gov. Phil Bredesen in 2003. Following Gov. Bredesen's 2006 re-election, the governor selected Hargett to continue to as the State's top military leader.

As Adjutant General he is responsible for the supervision of the Military Department of Tennessee that includes the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the Tennessee State Guard.

He has served in various staff and leadership assignments with the Tennessee Army National Guard and the National Guard Bureau to include assignments as Assistant Adjutant General, Army; Chief of Mobilization Plans with the III US Corps; Chief of Plans Division with the Fifth U.S. Army; and Chief of Overseas Deployment Training, at HQ, U.S. Army Europe. In 2004, Gen. Hargett completed a two-year term as Chairman of the Board, National Guard Association of the United States, and continues to serve on the board. He currently serves as a member of the Department of Defense, Reserve Forces Policy Board.

He is the son of Gus L. Hargett, Sr. and the late Martha Hargett, of Ripley. His wife is the former Shirley Wilson, from Ripley. Gen. Hargett has four children: Tre, Shea and John Hargett, Karen Baker, and five grandchildren.

CUTLINES:

Maj. Gen. Gus Hargett, picked by Gov. Phil Bredesen to serve again as the State's top military leader, signs the oath of office in the presence of his wife, Shirley, and the governor. Gen. and Mrs. Hargett are both natives of Ripley and make their home in Murfreesboro.

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